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TAYLOR
ASRAR
BEREDO
COUNTDOWN TO
EXTERMINATION

WARSAW.
THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.
YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING.
YOU'RE DOING WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOUR CITIZENS. AND YOU'RE DOING WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOUR COUNTRY.
SIGN IT, MISTER PRESIDENT.
PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE.

NEARBY.
POLICJA
POLICJA
<THEY'VE SIGNED A LAW.
<IT GOES INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT.>*
*TRANSLATED FROM POLISH.
<YOU NEED TO GO, ANTONI.>
<I CAN'T JUST... WE HAVE A LIFE HERE. MY BOY GOES TO SCHOOL-->
<NOT ANYMORE.>
<PLEASE. MY FRIEND.>
<MAKE WHATEVER CALLS YOU HAVE TO MAKE. WARN WHOEVER YOU CAN.>
<THEN, TAKE YOUR SON. AND GO.>

THE HATE MACHINE

PART 5: THE TRUTH

JEAN GREY

NIGHTCRAWLER

TRINARY

WOLVERINE

HONEY BADGER

NAMOR

GAMBIT

STORM

GENTLE

X-MEN RED

JEAN GREY IS AN OMEGA-LEVEL TELEPATHIC MUTANT AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE X-MEN. SHE DIED YEARS AGO, BUT LIKE A PHOENIX RISING FROM THE ASHES, JEAN HAS RETURNED TO LIFE. THOUGH THE WORLD SHE'S RETURNED TO HAS CHANGED IN DRAMATIC WAYS, ONE CONSTANT REMAINS; THE X-MEN STILL PROTECT A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS THEM.

JEAN WANTS TO FIX HER WORLD. SHE SPOKE TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN HOPES OF BRINGING MUTANTS AND HUMANS TOGETHER, BUT DROVE THEM FURTHER APART WHEN SHE WAS FRAMED FOR THE BRUTAL MURDER OF AN AMBASSADOR. THOUGH JEAN DOESN'T KNOW IT YET, CASSANDRA NOVA, A POWERFUL TELEPATH AND SISTER OF CHARLES XAVIER, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER.

GRANTED CLEMENCY IN WAKANDA, JEAN AND HER TEAM TRAVELED TO INDIA AND SAVED A NEW MUTANT NAMED TRINARY FROM PRISON. UPON THEIR RETURN, FELLOW X-MAN STORM ATTACKED THE TEAM. AFTER SUBDUING HER, THEY REMOVED A NANITE SENTINEL FROM HER BRAIN. HOPING TO AVOID FURTHER ATTACKS OF THIS KIND, THE X-MEN TOOK REFUGE IN AN UNDERSEA BASE GIVEN TO THEM BY NAMOR, THE MUTANT KING OF ATLANTIS.

MEANWHILE, CASSANDRA NOVA INFECTED THE LEADERS OF MANY NATIONS WITH THE SAME NANITE SENTINELS, STOKING FIRES OF MUTANT HATRED WORLDWIDE...

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"...LOUISIANA PUBLIC HOSPITAL, WHERE THE SUSPECT REMAINS UNDER ARMED GUARD."

HUMAN LIFE > MUTANT LIFE

GO

OPINION IS DIVIDED OVER THE SHOOTING...

...WITH SOME CLAIMING DAVID BUSHELL WAS ACTING IN SELF-DEFENSE.

...VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST MUTANTS IN HUNGARY, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND POLAND...

"THE DISTURBING VIDEOS, CAPTURED BY BYSTANDERS, SHOW BUSHELL, A FATHER OF TWO, CLEARLY SHOOTING AN UNARMED WOMAN IN COLD BLOOD."

...UNHCR CALLS FOR COMPASSION AS...

NO. THE VIDEOS SHOW HIM SHOOTING A DANGEROUS MUTANT WHO ATTACKED A PEACEFUL PROTEST.

THE MUTANT KNOWN AS GAMBIT HAD JUST CAUSED SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS.

DAVID BUSHELL HAD EVERY RIGHT TO PROTECT HIMSELF AND THOSE AROUND HIM!

...MUTANTS BEGIN FLEEING AGGRESSION IN AFRICA AND ASIA...

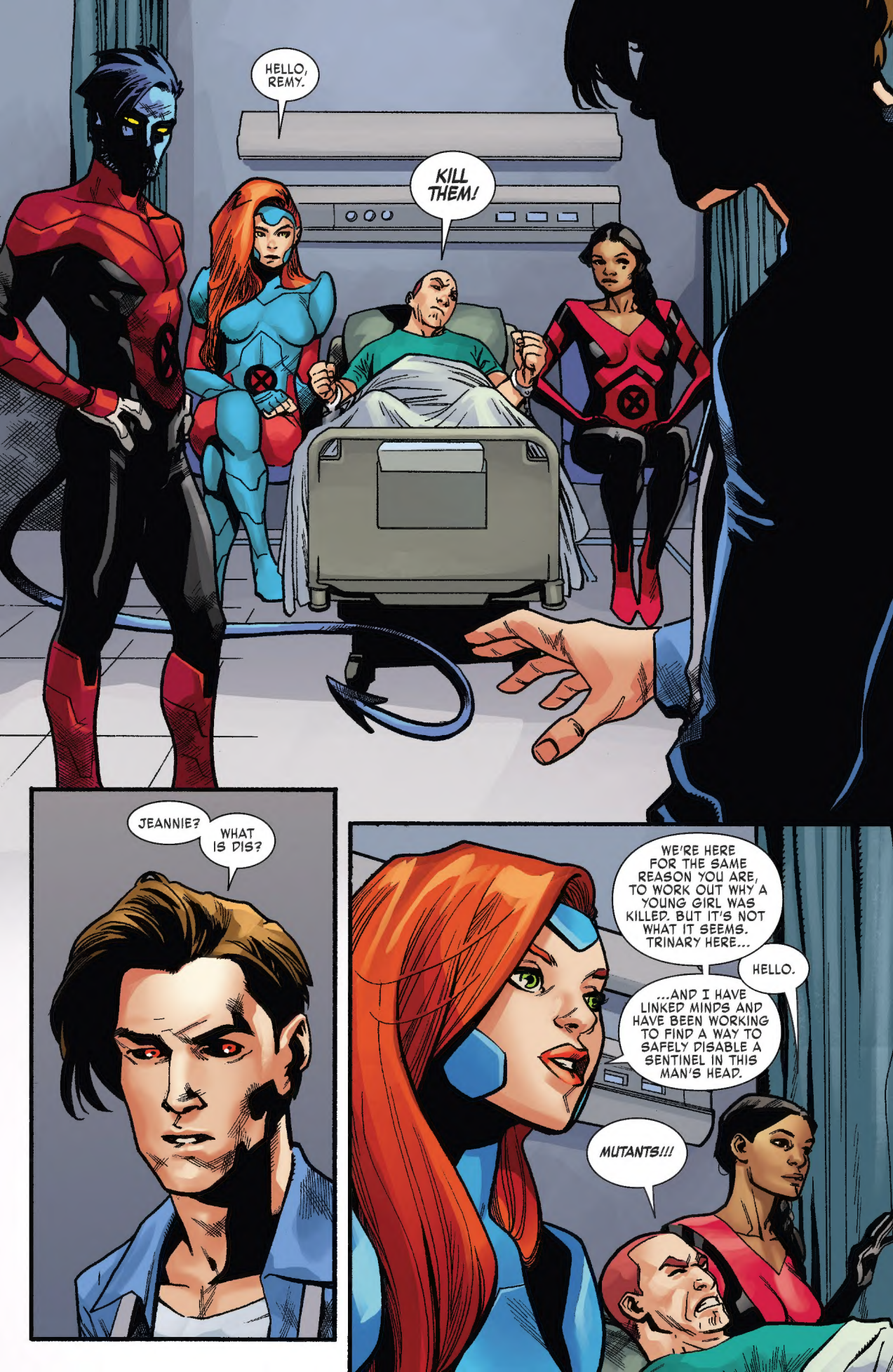
AS FOR THE MUTANT WHO DIED, BUSHELL HAD NO IDEA WHAT THIS THING WAS CAPABLE OF.

WAS HE SUPPOSED TO WAIT UNTIL HE HAD A FACE FULL OF ACID BEFORE ACTING?

POLAND SIGNS LAW CALLING FOR THE DETAINMENT OF ALL MUTANTS. EU DIVIDED OVER RESPONSE.

MUTANTS!
CHNK
CHNK
ABOMINATIONS!
EVERYWHERE!
TIME FOR A CHECKUP.
IDENTIFICATION.
KILL THEM!
THE SUSPECT IS RAVING...
MUTANTS! ALL AROUND ME!
...AND DANGEROUS.
I'LL BE YOUR ESCORT.
KILL THEM!!!
I DON'T NEED--
YOU DON'T GET A CHOICE.

SORRY ABOUT THIS.
ABOUT WHAT?
CLK
THEY'RE HERE.
MMMMF!
THEY'RE HERE!
TSSS
ABOMINATION!
I'VE BEEN CALLED WORSE.
YOU.
WHY DID YOU KILL HER?
GAMBIT.
HUH?
YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
THEY'RE ALL AROUND ME!!!
DON'T FREAK OUT.


HELLO, REMY.
KILL THEM!
JEANNIE?
WHAT IS DIS?
WE'RE HERE FOR THE SAME REASON YOU ARE, TO WORK OUT WHY A YOUNG GIRL WAS KILLED. BUT IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS. TRINARY HERE...
HELLO.
...AND I HAVE LINKED MINDS AND HAVE BEEN WORKING TO FIND A WAY TO SAFELY DISABLE A SENTINEL IN THIS MAN'S HEAD.
MUTANTS!!!

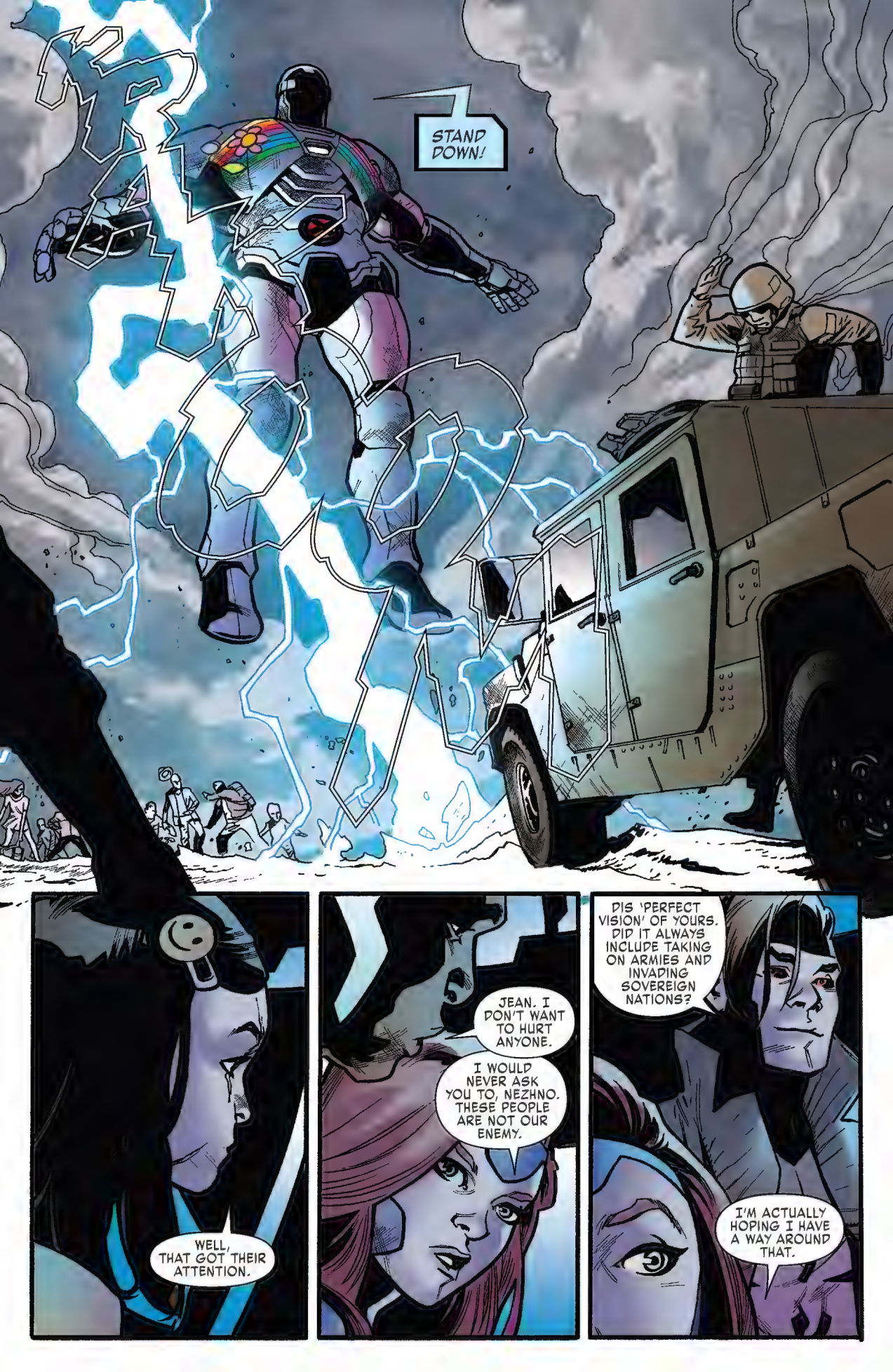
JEAN. I HAVE IT--I UNDERSTAND THE SENTINITE. I CAN TURN IT OFF WITHOUT HURTING HIM.
I KNOW. DO IT.
MUTA--!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DAVID, WHAT'S HAPPENING IS-- YOU'VE BEEN USED.
I'M SO SORRY.
I...OH, GOD. I KILLED SOMEONE.
YES.
BUT YOU WERE NOT IN CONTROL.
KURT. DAVID'S FATHER IS IN THE DOWNSTAIRS PARKING LOT. THEY WON'T LET HIM IN TO SEE HIS SON. HE'S CRYING IN HIS CAR.
BAMF

WHA--?
BAMF
DAVID?
DAD.
I WAS DRIVING TO WORK, AND... SOMETHING HAPPENED.
JEANNIE.
YOU AND TRINARY GOT WHAT YOU NEEDED HERE. YOU KNOW HOW TO SAFELY DISABLE A SENTINITE.
WE HAVE TO GO. NOW. WE'RE NEEDED ELSEWHERE.
I KNOW.
MISTER BUSHELL. I'M SORRY. YOU'LL NEED TO LEAVE. BEING FOUND IN HERE WITH AN UNCONSCIOUS POLICE OFFICER WOULDN'T BE THE BEST LOOK.
I'LL BE BACK, SON.
DAVID. WE'LL BE BACK TOO.
WE *WILL* FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND THIS AND WE'LL BE BACK TO DEFEND YOU.
BAMF

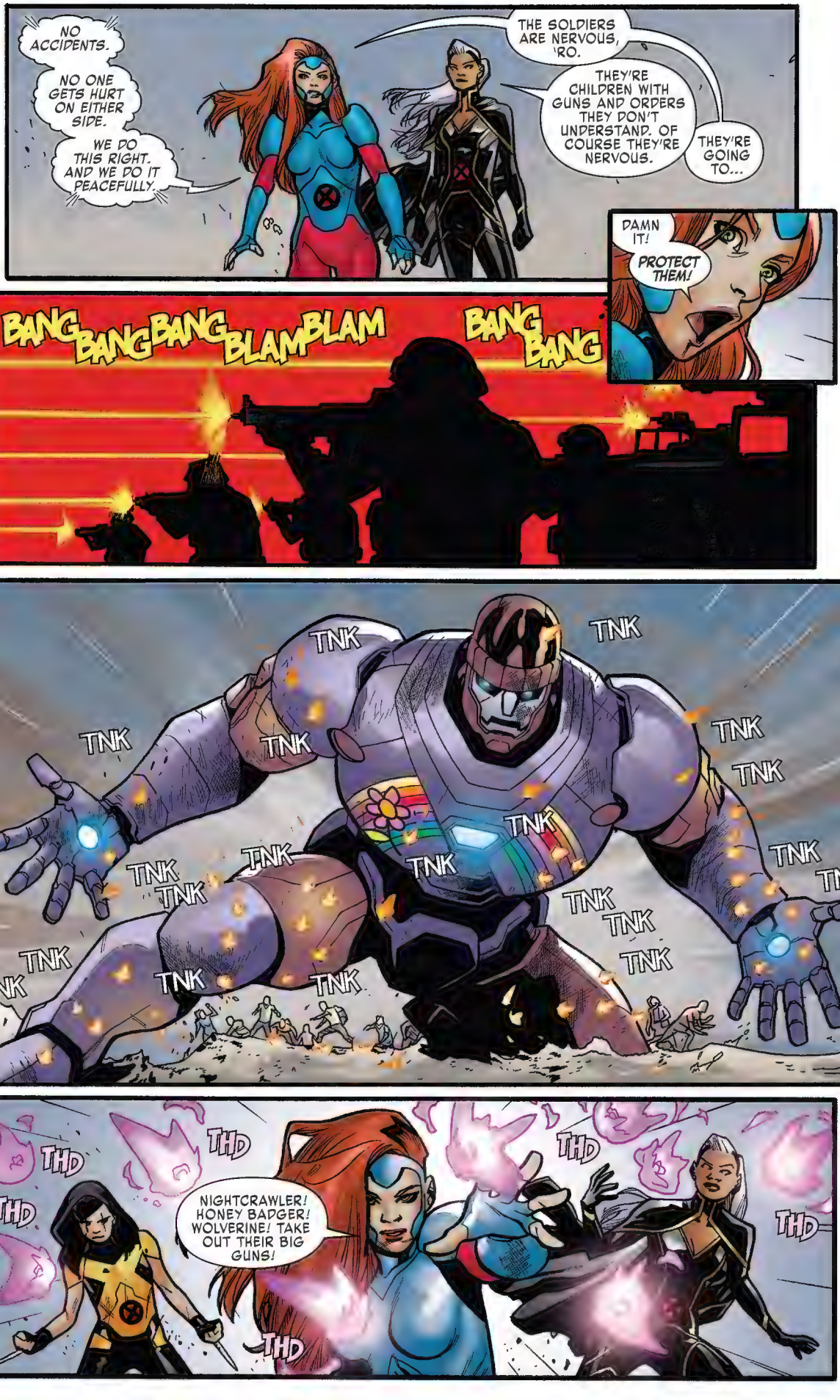
BAMF
LOOK OUT!
WAIT!
WHOA!
GABBY?
YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
YEAH. GAMBIT ONCE EXPLODED ME TO PIECES IN MADRIPOOR.
FOR STRATEGIC REASONS.
REMY. THIS IS SENTINEL-X.
SHE'S TRINARY'S ROBOT, AND WE JUST GOT DONE REPAINTING HER, SO PLEASE DON'T BLOW HER UP.
HER? HOW DO YOU KNOW DE GIANT KILL-BOT IS A GIRL?
WE CAN EXPLAIN SEXING SENTINELS ON THE WAY.
ON DE WAY WHERE?

A LARGE GROUP OF POLISH MUTANTS ARE ON THE RUN AND HEADED FOR THE BALTIC SEA.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THEIR BACKS.
WAIT. DIS IS YOUR RIDE?
YEAH, YOU TAKE ALL THE MUTANT-MURDERING WEAPONS OUT OF A SENTINEL, AND IT BECOMES SURPRISINGLY ROOMY.
EVERYONE STRAP IN.
TRINARY...
TAKE US OUT.

HOURS LATER.
THE EDGE OF THE BALTIC SEA. POLAND.
<QUICKLY, FILIP. WE HAVE TO GET TO THE BOATS!>
<HALT!>
<MUTANTS, YOU ARE ORDERED TO SURRENDER FOR DETENTION.>
<ANY RESISTANCE WILL BE MET WITH FORCE.>
<STAY BEHIND ME, FILIP!>


STAND DOWN!
WELL, THAT GOT THEIR ATTENTION.
JEAN. I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE.
I WOULD NEVER ASK YOU TO, NEZHNO. THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT OUR ENEMY.
DIS 'PERFECT VISION' OF YOURS. DID IT ALWAYS INCLUDE TAKING ON ARMIES AND INVADING SOVEREIGN NATIONS?
I'M ACTUALLY HOPING I HAVE A WAY AROUND THAT.

PROTECT THEM, MY X-MEN.


NO ACCIDENTS.
NO ONE GETS HURT ON EITHER SIDE.
WE DO THIS RIGHT. AND WE DO IT PEACEFULLY.
THE SOLDIERS ARE NERVOUS, 'RO.
THEY'RE CHILDREN WITH GUNS AND ORDERS THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND. OF COURSE THEY'RE NERVOUS.
THEY'RE GOING TO...
DAMN IT!
PROTECT THEM!
BANG BANG BANG BLAM BLAM
BANG BANG
TNK
THD
NIGHTCRAWLER! HONEY BADGER! WOLVERINE! TAKE OUT THEIR BIG GUNS!

BAMF
SNIKT
SNIKT
NO.
THIS WASN'T...
THD
THD
THD
THD
HNNG. IT'S OKAY. I'VE GOT YOU.
BANG BANG
SHNK
STOP! YOU NEED TO LOOK!
YOU NEED TO RECOGNIZE!

I NEED YOU TO SEE!

NO!

PICK UP YOUR WEAPONS!

YOU! YOU HAVE INVADED POLISH SOIL. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO--

ACTUALLY...

...WE DO.
YOUR LITTLE ARMY STANDS ON THE SHORES OF THE BALTIC SEA.
IF YOUR PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE SAFELY TRADING AND FLYING OVER MY WATERS, THEN I SUGGEST YOU PULL BACK FROM MY BORDER.
THE TIDE'S COMING IN.

GENERAL.
THE MUTANT NATION IS OFFERING ASYLUM TO THESE PEOPLE.
"THEY WILL BE COMING WITH US UNTIL THE MADNESS GRIPPING YOUR COUNTRY HAS ENDED."
I CANNOT ALLOW THIS. I... THEY ARE A THREAT TO POLAND. WE HAVE OUR ORDERS.
YOUR ORDERS ARE WRONG. NO TRUE LEADER SEES THEIR OWN PEOPLE AS THE ENEMY.
YOU'VE BEEN LIED TO, GENERAL.
THAT DOUBT YOU'RE FEELING. THAT SHAME. *THAT'S* THE TRUTH.
JAKUB. YOUR PARENTS RAISED YOU BETTER THAN THIS.

JEAN? WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE...I'M NOT JUDGING.
BUT DID YOU...*CHANGE* SOMETHING IN THE SOLDIERS' HEADS?
NO, KURT. I SIMPLY MERGED THE MINDS OF THE ARMY AND THE MUTANTS FOR A MOMENT.
I LIKE HOW YOU CAN SAY THAT LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
ALL I DID WAS SHOW THEM THE OTHER SIDE.
AND IN THAT MOMENT, INSTEAD OF MONSTERS, EACH SOLDIER EXPERIENCED ANOTHER PERSON STANDING IN FRONT OF THEM, WITH HOPES AND FAULTS AND FEARS AND DREAMS.
THE SOLDIERS SAW THE REALITY BEHIND THEIR GOVERNMENT'S BIGOTED NARRATIVE, AND MOST OF THEM CHOSE TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
I'VE BEEN IN ENOUGH HEADS TO KNOW PEOPLE AREN'T TRULY EVIL. THEY'RE SIMPLY PROTECTIVE, MISINFORMED AND SCARED.
WHOEVER IS TRYING TO BREED HATE, THAT'S HOW WE STAND AGAINST THEM. THAT'S HOW WE FIGHT THIS.
WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH THE LIES.
WE'RE GOING TO WEAPONIZE THE TRUTH.

X-MEN RED #6

JEAN, THE OUTER DEFENSES HAVE BEEN BREACHED!
SEAREBRO. ATLANTIS.
WE HAVE TO LEAVE BEFORE THIS PLACE FILLS WITH WATER! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!
THEY'RE ALL DEAD.
JEAN?
TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW.
AT THE MANSION...STORM, KITTY, EVERYONE... THEY'RE...
...DEAD.
ALL THE MORE REASON FOR US TO LEAVE. THERE'S NOT MANY OF US LEFT!
NO!!!
IT'S HAPPENING EVERYWHERE.
THERE IS NOWHERE TO RUN.
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From Baaldur, with love...

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